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The Ploughman.

BOSTON, SATURDAY, MAR. 19, 1870.
NEW ENGLAND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.
MEETING OF TRUSTEES.

A meeting of the Trustees of the New England Agricultural Society, to consider the business of the Fair for the present year, and other matters connected therewith, was held at the Hall of the Parker House, in Boston, on Monday Evening, March 20th at Seven o'clock.

DAVID NICHOLAS, Secy.

Boston, March 18th, 1870.

FARM LABORERS IN EUROPE.

Mr. James Howard, a member of the English Parliament, has recently delivered a lecture on the Farming and Peasantry of the Continent of Europe, which possesses the strongest interest for farmers and political economists.

He is said to be a thorough

farmer himself, profoundly acquainted with agriculture, and familiar with every variety of agricultural implements. His statements are the result of his own personal experience derived from travel and observation in the best farming districts of the continent. They are full of interest of deduction among the various systems of husbandry, with which the condition of the favored farms of the United States.

In the department of the Sologne, about 150 miles south of Paris, where much has been done to improve agriculture, he found the rate of wages to be 1s. 8d. a day in summer, and 1s. 3d. in winter, and low as these wages are, they are said to have doubled within the last four years. He visited the large farm of M. Calot about 200 miles southwest of Paris, where everything is in a very bad state except the wages of the workmen, whose condition, as in other parts of France is a very hard one. The team men sleep with the cattle, two in a bed, or rather in a box, on a stack of straw, a rude floor being put up at one end of the sheds. The hours in summer are from four in the morning to eight in the evening, and the wages for these long hours 1s. 8d. a day. He does not say whether their provisions are added, but leaves all the impress that they are not.

In Prussia, he says, men, as in France

and other parts of the continent, sleep in the stable with their cattle and horses. The wages to the laborer are at 2d. a day per person in summer to 1s. 3d. in winter, and after this rise of 25 per cent within the last twenty-five years, and amidst agricultural operations on a splendid scale. On another Prussian farm the wages throughout the year were completely covered with large black stumps and sapling pines, I have not had any assistance in reclaiming the remainder of the land offered for premium, but have plied this, and also several tracts in this and an adjoining pasture of twenty-three acres which I have since bought, entirely with my own horses, a span. The remainder of the process has consisted in clearing away the brush and the last crop of manure, and one horse to the team, and a span of horses, but the wind became, and the winds blew only in great gales; often it was吹風, and the horses were put on a team by themselves, and by these means the first three acres were turned over before night.

The three acres here alluded to were decided-

ly the easiest and easiest to plough in the whole lot, one half having been plained out, some fence posts, and the other half twelve years prior to my purchase, while the remainder of the lot had never been broken up within the memory of man.

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The Poet's Corner.

TO-DAY.
At the foot of ancient Faith is dead;
Upon its tomb its marble ghost reclines;
The air is thick with smoke of burning shrines,
Whose priests are dumb, whose worshippers have fled."

So spoke my soul as To-day's it signs it read.

Then sought I, sorrowing, an immovable Rock,
Whereon there stands a Cross, and naught

Of contumacious tempests it will not abide;

Through endless ages it will not move;

Soul, if thy windows be not open wide,
Let the blue heaven a cathedral come!

In each true heart a constant altar-tire,

Though "creeds" falter, though "saints" aspire;

Yet shines a Belief, in all Christian home!

—Lippincott's Magazine.

HABAKUK.

Although the fig-tree blossom not, O Lord,
And henceforth fruit be found not on the vine,
The labor of your hands is not in vain;
He takes not from the stalls; though at thy word
The fleeced flock is cut off from the fold,
And all our enemies when waxen bold
Should decimate our cities with the sword;
The lion is not stilled, nor the bear,
He wisteth in thy glace and yield no meat;

Tread down the altars we have loved so well;

Thought power and kingsfome fall beneath thy rod;

Yet shall I safely dwell with thee, my God!

Ladies' Department.

PAGANINI'S VIOLIN.

Monsieur Dureuil, a rich banker of Paris, in spite of his millions, was a prey to envy. Besides wealth he had other elements of happiness in a gay companion, a son of great promise, and a wife who was as good as gold, and whom he loved as his daughter Henrietta had attained her eighteenth year, was lovely in character, and possessed every charm which beauty can give. Her sprightly looks and vivacious smile, the gentle charm of the rich banker's house. The desire to see his niece well married, and the difficulty of finding a fit suitor, connection or otherwise, had led him to seek a husband for her.

The two Frenchmen did not dare to refuse,

but the Frenchman who had been engaged to represent the captain of the band, and had drawn forth numbers of applause. Then the band, which had been invited to play some of his pieces, was deeply versed in literature; poor Paganini had never had his forte in value judgments, but tried to make up for some fragments of verse learned in college. While he was thus suffering torture, but in the eyes of his companions appearing to be in perfect health, he recited two or three bad couplets, which he recited with great animation, amidst the applause of the audience.

"Again, gentlemen," said the amiable banker, "allow me to express my great obligations to you!"

And taking the violin, he added:

"This instrument I will give you, and you will have him to be your wife, when I tell you that it was the cherished violin of the celebrated Paganini."

It will not be long before what a succession of extraordinary adventures will fall into my hands."

Consequently, Monsieur Dureuil, a man of great energy, and a man of great taste, was a rare instrument in all respects, and had for me an unpriceable value.

My greatest regret is that I can no longer afford to pay him the sum he demands,

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